

M'ADOO PLEADS FOR 5 YEARS OF RAIL OPERATION

Retiring Director-General States That Brief Test of Government Operation, Handicapped By War Conditions, Has Not Given Public Opportunity to Weigh Real Value.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Accomplishment of railroads under federal control in the last months and arguments for a five-year continuance of government operation to provide a fair test of unified direction were recited today by Director-General McAdoo, testifying before the senate interstate commerce committee which took up consideration of his recommendation for extension of control until 1924.

After reciting reforms effected under unified control, the director-general said:

"I believe that under the handicaps of war conditions a sufficient showing has been made to indicate that all the reforms I have mentioned are desirable as permanent peace measures. Yet it is clear that the general public has not had an opportunity to weigh the real value of what has been accomplished. The public is entitled to have, before the present federal control shall be terminated, a reasonably fair test under peace conditions of the advantages to be derived from these reforms.

Not a Fair Test

"It will be impossible to review the results of even one year of federal control under peace conditions until the spring of 1920, and it will then be too late for congress to legislate before the end of the 21 months period after the declaration of peace, provided in the present law for government control. Operations under peace conditions with a tenure so short as the 21 months cannot possibly constitute a fair test.

"Indeed the difficulties with operation during the 21 months period will be so serious that I do not see how the government can be fairly asked to encounter them."

Another reason for a longer test period, said the director-general, is the advisability of having adequate information on valuation of railroad property, now being gathered by the interstate commerce commission to guide congress on legislation.

Increases Necessary

Referring to the increase in freight and passenger rates six months ago, Mr. McAdoo said that similar action would have been necessary even under private management to prevent serious losses, and said it should be possible to lower rates materially this year.

Equitable distribution of the rate burden over all railroads regardless of the fact that some are unusually prosperous and others poverty-stricken, is possible only under unified control, Mr. McAdoo urged as another argument for the five-year continuance plan.

Great improvement and extensions should be made in terminal facilities, said the director. This, he said, provides the greatest opportunity for reducing railroad costs and promoting public convenience in the future.

Loss to Government

Mr. McAdoo estimated the government's loss in operating railroads this year at \$136,000,000. This represents the difference between the amount guaranteed to the railroads as rental and the sums credited to the government in railroad income. If the higher rates should be in effect the entire year he estimated the government would have made a surplus of \$100,000,000.

Wage advances to railroad employees last year added between \$600,000,000 and \$700,000,000 to the payrolls, Mr. McAdoo testified. In addition the coal bill was \$140,000,000 higher for the ten months of 1918 ending November 1 than the same period of 1917.

Many economies brought about under unified management, such as re-routing, heavier loading and elimination of useless competition, Mr. McAdoo explained, will not be reflected until this year.

Many of the changes in railroad operation inaugurated during the last year, the director-general testified, should prove of permanent value, and should continue, regardless of what form of control is decided upon. Such reforms include: Reforms of Value

Maintenance of the permit system so as to control the traffic at its source; maintenance of heavy loading for cars; pooling of repair shops; elimination of circuitous routes; unification of terminals; maintenance of the "sailing day plan"; consolidation of ticket offices; utilization of universal mileage tickets; standardization of equipment; maintenance of the uniform freight classification; maintenance of common time tables between important points; maintenance of high demurrage rates and uniform rules; establishment of thru way billing freight from point of origin to destination; elimination of the old practice of paying in mileage or per diem rental for the use of cars of one carrier by another. Competition and self-interest of individual roads would prevent the carrying out of many of these reforms under the old system of pri-

vate management declared Mr. McAdoo.

Due to War Conditions

The retiring director-general told the senators how the government, taking over the railroads the first of last year at a time when they were threatened with physical and financial breakdown had righted conditions gradually, moved 6,496,000 troops, and hauled great quantities of food at a critical time in February when the very success of the war depended on the food.

"Whatever inconveniences may have resulted to civilian travelers," he asserted, "are due entirely to war conditions and are in no way related to the fact that the railroads were under government control."

The director-general went at great length into the necessity of pooling terminal facilities in scores of cities. This program cannot be carried out, however, he said, except under some form of unified control extending over a number of years.

He emphasized that waterways should be used more extensively in co-ordination with railroads, but expressed doubt whether this would be done if the roads went back to competitive private management.

GREB NEVER SAW FIGHTING AT FRONT

Confirmation of the fact that John Greb of Eagle Point, was not killed in France as was reported unofficially some time ago and which report his relatives have regarded as false, was contained in a letter just received in the city from France by a Medford member of the 65th artillery, written Dec. 7th. The letter also shows that the 65th had not sailed for home up to that date. In part the letter says:

"I received a letter from Johnny Greb yesterday and he is getting along fine. They never got to see any action at all. The spoils belong to the victor and I hope I'll be able to beat him to the interesting story."

"We have been having battalion parades every day this week that the weather would permit, and yesterday we had a regimental parade and review, going thru it three times. We are going to repeat it again this afternoon. But it all has an object, as Sunday, tomorrow, we are to have a brigade parade consisting of three regiments—the 58th, 59th and 65th. This may mean another move in our favor towards home."

FARM RECORD BOOKS READY FOR FARMERS

The U. S. government, agricultural colleges, bankers, and income tax collectors have been urging the farmers all over the United States to keep farm accounts. Statistics show that a very low percentage of farmers keep an accurate account on record of their farm business.

The county agent, co-operating with the Oregon Agricultural college and the Oregon Bankers' association, is putting on a project thru the members of the Jackson County Farm Bureau, known as Farm Record Keeping. Books for this work and assistance in keeping accounts can be obtained by applying to the county agent. This is a good time to start the year's work and every farmer in Jackson county should have a Farm Account book and make it a point to keep a complete record for the year 1919.

MAJOR PATTON RETIRES FROM HOQUIAM PAPER

HOQUIAM, Wash., Jan. 3.—"Major" H. W. Patton, veteran newspaperman, has retired as publisher of the Hoquiam Daily Washingtonian. C. D. McClure, editor, succeeds him.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Nov. 26.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The prodigious effort of the medical department in the army in France is revealed in statistics which the Associated Press is now permitted to make public.

When, on November 11, the armistice suspended hostilities and the great expansion and extension work on the medical department was suspended, there were in operation 283,240 beds in camp and base hospitals and convalescent camps with about 100,000 of them vacant.

There were on duty in the American expeditionary force at that time 12,889 doctors and 9,593 nurses. The authorized nurse strength of the army when America entered the war was 206 and of doctors 300, figures that testify to the work the medical corps was called upon to perform.

The hospitalization of the army in France is interesting. Basically it consists of mobile organizations. To each division there are four field hospitals, two evacuation hospitals and one mobile surgical hospital and in

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addition there is fixed hospitalization, consisting of camp and base outfits and convalescent camps with an authorized bed capacity of 15 per cent of the strength of the command.

There are now 35 camp hospitals serving training and billeting areas while for general service and for the treatment of more serious cases and battle casualties there are 115 base hospitals. These base hospitals occasionally are single institutions of from 1,000 to 3,000 beds or are grouped in hospital centers. Twenty such centers of from 2,500 to 15,000 beds are in operation.

Convalescent camps at the bed rate

WOMEN WORKERS

In almost every line of war activities the women of this country have done well and have taken front rank for doing work that released thousands of men for service overseas. Some women have been over-ambitious, and, at the expense of their health, have filled places once occupied by men. Every woman who, because of overwork, has brought on some ailment peculiar to her sex, should depend upon Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to restore her health and strength, as this remedy is now recognized as the standard and has restored multitudes. Adv.

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The American hospitals are partly in French barracks, school buildings and hotels and partly in constructed cantonment of demountable buildings.

All the buildings taken over were remodeled and outfitted for the purpose, lighted, heated and modernized, while the demountable huts are models of their kind.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 3.—With Lieutenant Colonel W. W. Merrill of Cincinnati in command, the 15th Infantry second regiment, coast ar-

tillery corps, the 402nd casual company, the 7th division ender and 600 wounded men and officers, departed here today from the transport Antigone.

The 7th division ender is what was left of the division when practically all of its units were sent as a part of the army of occupation into Ger-

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lined vests and pants, all sizes. On sale Saturday, each \$1.25	Women's Athena Union Suits, merino, all styles and sizes. Cheap at \$3.50. For this sale, suit \$2.98	Women's fiber silk hose, good quality, in white, gray, champagne, white and black, 75c values, now 69c	Women's silk hose in fancy colors, black and white, \$1.50 values. \$1.25
Women's fleeced lined Union Suits, short sleeves and sleeveless. Very special, \$1.25	Women's lisle hose, in all colors, a 75c grade, now 69c	Women's silk hose in fancy colors, black and white, \$1.50 values. \$1.25	Special, pair \$1.25

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